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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SERRANO (for himself, Mr. WEINER, Mr. BACA, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. HINCHEY, Mrs. MALONEY, and Mr. McNULTY) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Anti-hunger Empower-
5 ment Act of 2006”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 The Congress finds the following:

8 (1) In 2004 the number of Americans facing
9 hunger or food insecurity increased for the fifth year
10 in a row to 38,000,000, including 13,000,000 chil-
11 dren or 19 percent of all American children.

12 (2) In 2003 according to the United States De-
13 partment of Agriculture, only 56 percent of eligible
14 Americans received benefits from the food stamp
15 program.

16 (3) Administrative burdens involved in securing
17 food stamp benefits are particularly burdensome for
18 working families.

19 (4) In 2001 more than 23,000,000 people in
20 the United States, of whom 8,900,000 were children,
21 were forced to rely upon more than 30,000 soup
22 kitchens and food pantries.

23 (5) The charitable food distribution system in
24 the United States would benefit from increased co-
25 ordination and technical assistance.

1 (6) Helping those who use feeding programs to
 2 move “beyond the soup kitchen,” by promoting the
 3 values of community, opportunity, and responsibility,
 4 is a national priority.

5 **TITLE I—AMENDMENTS TO THE**
 6 **FOOD STAMP ACT OF 1977**

7 **SEC. 101. AMENDMENTS TO THE FOOD STAMP ACT OF 1977.**

8 (a) ADMINISTRATIVE COST SHARING AND QUALITY
 9 CONTROL.—Section 16(k) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977
 10 (7 U.S.C. 2025(k)) is amended by striking subsection (k)
 11 and inserting the following:

12 “(k) ADMINISTRATIVE COST FOR INCREASING AC-
 13 CESS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this sec-
 14 tion, the Secretary is authorized to pay to each State
 15 agency an amount equal to 75 percent of the administra-
 16 tive costs incurred by the State agency in carrying out
 17 new activities not previously funded by the State—

18 “(1) to increase the number of hours that food
 19 stamp offices are open on weekends and nights if
 20 there is neither a decrease in the total number of
 21 food stamp offices that are open in the State nor a
 22 decrease in the number of hours such offices are
 23 open during regular work week;

24 “(2) to conduct verifiable activities to reduce
 25 the average wait time that applicants spend at food

1 stamp offices or to reduce the average number of of-
 2 fice visits required of applicants;

3 “(3) to accept applications for food stamp ben-
 4 efit by means of the Internet;

5 “(4) to upgrade computer systems and tech-
 6 nology in ways that specifically increase access to
 7 the food stamp program;

8 “(5) at the time of application, to provide appli-
 9 cants with a checklist listing all documents required
 10 for a complete food stamp application.”.

11 (b) REDUCTION OF BURDENSOME AND DUPLICATIVE
 12 OFFICE VISITS; PROHIBITION OF FINGERPRINTING.—
 13 Section 11(e)(2) of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
 14 2020(e)) is amended—

15 (1) in subparagraph (A) by striking the period
 16 at the end and inserting “; and”,

17 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

18 (A) by striking “In” and inserting “that
 19 in”, and

20 (B) in clause (vii) by striking the period at
 21 the end and inserting “; and”,

22 (3) in subparagraph (D) by inserting the fol-
 23 lowing before the semicolon at the end: “, and the
 24 fingerprint of any member of a household shall not
 25 be required for the purpose of participating in the

1 food stamp program or for issuance of benefits for
2 which the household would otherwise be eligible”,

3 (4) by redesignating subparagraphs (C) and
4 (D) as subparagraphs (D) and (E), respectively, and

5 (5) by inserting after subparagraph (B) the fol-
6 lowing:

7 “(C) that the State agency shall inform house-
8 holds, at the time of application, that—

9 “(A) household members are not required
10 to appear in person at the time of application,
11 or at any other time, unless—

12 “(I) expressly required by this Act ;

13 or

14 “(ii) in accordance with subparagraph
15 (B); and

16 “(B) if the State agency has a basis to
17 reasonably believe that information provided by
18 a household is incorrect or that a household has
19 failed to provide information required for par-
20 ticipation in the food stamp program, then—

21 “(I) the State agency shall—

22 “(I) provide to the household a
23 written statement notifying the house-
24 hold of such belief; specifying the fac-
25 tual basis of such belief, informing the

1 household of the applicable informa-
2 tion that is believed to be incorrect or
3 missing, and instructing the household
4 how to correct or to provide the ap-
5 propriate information; and

6 “(II) not require any member of
7 such household to appear in person
8 unless either the household fails to
9 provide the appropriate information or
10 the State agency cannot verify the ac-
11 curacy of information the household
12 provides in response to the request
13 made under this subparagraph by the
14 State agency.”.

15 **SEC. 102. COMPARATIVE PROGRESS REPORT.**

16 Section 18 of the Food Stamp Act of 1977 (7 U.S.C.
17 2027) is amended by adding at the end the following:

18 “(g) The Secretary shall submit a single, unified, an-
19 nual report to the appropriate committees of the Congress
20 on the comparative progress of States in improving access
21 to the food stamp program. The following statistics shall
22 be included in the report with respect to each particular
23 State:

1 “(1) The percentage of food stamp program ap-
 2 plications processed within the 30-day period re-
 3 quired by this Act.

4 “(2) The average number of days required to
 5 process expedited applications for food stamp bene-
 6 fits.

7 “(3) The average number of days required to
 8 process regular applications for food stamp benefits.

9 “(4) The average number of office visits that
 10 each applicant makes to receive food stamp benefits.

11 “(5) Statewide negative errors rates.

12 “(6) The overall participation rate of house-
 13 holds that are eligible to participate in the food
 14 stamp program.

15 “(7) The information specified in paragraphs
 16 (1) through (6) for a particular geographical area in
 17 such State.”.

18 **TITLE II—ANTI-HUNGER GRANTS** 19 **PROGRAM**

20 **SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.**

21 This title may be cited as the “Beyond the Soup
 22 Kitchen Grants Program Act of 2006”.

23 **SEC. 202. BEYOND THE SOUP KITCHEN PILOT PROGRAM.**

24 (a) ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT PROGRAM.—The Sec-
 25 retary shall establish a pilot program, to be known as the

1 “Beyond the Soup Kitchen Pilot Program”, in accordance
2 with this title.

3 (b) PURPOSES.—The purposes of the pilot program
4 are—

5 (1) to provide grant assistance to a primary
6 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
7 group in each pilot community for purposes of allo-
8 cating subgrants to other community-based non-
9 profit feeding and anti-hunger groups in such com-
10 munity; and

11 (2) to provide technical assistance grants.

12 **SEC. 203. SELECTION OF PRIMARY COMMUNITY-BASED**
13 **NONPROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER**
14 **GROUPS AND SUBGRANTEES.**

15 (a) GRANTS TO PRIMARY COMMUNITY-BASED NON-
16 PROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUPS.—Under
17 the pilot program and for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall
18 award not more than 30 grants to primary community-
19 based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger groups, in ac-
20 cordance with this section.

21 (b) APPLICATION.—To be eligible for an award of a
22 grant for a fiscal year under this section, a community-
23 based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group shall sub-
24 mit to the Secretary an application that contains a de-
25 scription of how the applicant proposes to use the grant

1 funds to implement the components of the pilot program
2 listed in subsection (c) in the pilot community of the com-
3 munity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group.
4 The application shall be submitted in such form, at such
5 time, and containing such other information as the Sec-
6 retary may require.

7 (c) PILOT PROGRAM COMPONENTS.—An application
8 for a grant under this section shall contain the following
9 components:

10 (1) PROGRAMS COMPONENT.—A program com-
11 ponent that describes, with respect to a target popu-
12 lation of a pilot community and in accordance with
13 section 204, programs designed for the following
14 purposes:

15 (A) To reduce hunger in such target popu-
16 lation.

17 (B) To increase the use of nutrition assist-
18 ance and anti-poverty programs by such target
19 population.

20 (C) To bolster food security within such
21 target population.

22 (D) To assist individuals and families
23 within such target population to develop assets.

1 (E) To promote the economic independence
2 of individuals and families within such target
3 population.

4 (F) To improve the nutrition of such tar-
5 get population.

6 (G) To reduce the occurrence of obesity in
7 such target population.

8 (2) COMMUNITY FOOD COUNCIL.—A community
9 food council component that describes the formation
10 and operation of a community food council designed
11 to engage emergency feeding groups, Federal, State,
12 and local government agencies, the cooperative ex-
13 tension system, land-grant colleges and universities,
14 and historically African American, Hispanic, and
15 American Indian educational institutes for the pur-
16 poses described under paragraph (1).

17 (3) SUBGRANTS COMPONENT.—A subgrants
18 component that describes a plan for the allocation of
19 grants funds to subgrantees by the primary commu-
20 nity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group,
21 in accordance with subsection (e).

22 (d) CRITERIA.—In evaluating an application of a
23 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
24 group, the Secretary shall consider, in addition to such
25 other criteria as the Secretary determines appropriate, the

1 extent to which the application of the group demonstrates
2 the following:

3 (1) The capacity to serve as a leader for other
4 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
5 groups in the pilot community and to successfully
6 provide technical assistance and other assistance to
7 the greatest number of such groups.

8 (2) Successful experience—

9 (A) in conducting a program described in
10 section 204(b);

11 (B) in working with a national service,
12 community service, or volunteer service group
13 that conducts a program described in section
14 204(b);

15 (C) in managing and using Federal grant
16 funds, including grants for community food and
17 nutrition programs authorized under section
18 681(a) of the Community Services Block Grant
19 Act (42 U.S.C. 9922(a));

20 (D) in working cooperatively with a nutri-
21 tion assistance and anti-poverty program, other
22 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-
23 hunger groups, and faith-based and other com-
24 munity programs in the pilot community; and

1 (E) in researching, monitoring, and evalu-
2 ating the hunger problems in the pilot commu-
3 nity of such organization and nutrition assist-
4 ance and anti-poverty programs.

5 (3) In the case of a community-based nonprofit
6 feeding and anti-hunger group with a large budget,
7 the existence of a financial mechanism to implement
8 the proposal and staff expertise to handle large Fed-
9 eral and private grants, or in the case of a commu-
10 nity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group
11 with a small budget, proven effectiveness in the de-
12 livery and coordination of a program described in
13 section 204(b).

14 (4) The ability to influence other community,
15 government, and private resources to assist in the
16 creation and implementation of the pilot program in
17 the pilot community of the community-based non-
18 profit feeding and anti-hunger group.

19 (e) SUBGRANTS.—

20 (1) SELECTION BY PRIMARY COMMUNITY-BASED
21 NONPROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUP RE-
22 QUIRED.—Under the pilot program, the Secretary
23 shall require a primary community-based nonprofit
24 feeding and anti-hunger group that is awarded a
25 grant under subsection (a) to select at least 10, but

1 no more than 200, subgrantees to carry out sub-
2 grants under the grants. Such subgrants shall be
3 used in support of the pilot program in the pilot
4 community of such group, in accordance with section
5 204.

6 (2) SELECTION OF SUBGRANTEES.—A primary
7 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
8 group shall select subgrantees for purposes of para-
9 graph (1)—

10 (A) by selecting the subgrantee in the ap-
11 plication submitted under subsection (b); or

12 (B) in consultation with the Secretary of
13 Agriculture after evaluating proposals sub-
14 mitted by subgrantee applicants.

15 **SEC. 204. USES OF GRANTS.**

16 (a) REQUIRED USES BY PRIMARY COMMUNITY-
17 BASED NONPROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER
18 GROUPS.—A primary community-based nonprofit feeding
19 and anti-hunger group that is awarded a grant under sec-
20 tion 203(a) shall—

21 (1) allocate at least 60 percent of the grant for
22 subgrants in accordance with section 203(e); and

23 (2) spend at least 5 percent of the grant on
24 evaluation of the pilot program in the pilot commu-
25 nity of such group.

1 (b) ELIGIBLE USES BY PRIMARY COMMUNITY-BASED
2 NONPROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUPS AND
3 SUBGRANTEES.—Grant funds awarded to a primary com-
4 munity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group or
5 allocated to a subgrantee under the pilot program may be
6 used for any of the following purposes:

7 (1) ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS.—With respect to a
8 target population in a pilot community, any of the
9 following programs:

10 (A) A program that informs such popu-
11 lation about benefits under nutrition assistance
12 and anti-poverty programs, pre-screens mem-
13 bers of such population to determine the eligi-
14 bility of such members to receive such benefits,
15 and assists such members to access relevant
16 benefits.

17 (B) A program to assist such population to
18 transition successfully from welfare to work.

19 (C) A program that is likely to result in
20 job creation or that involves job training, readi-
21 ness, placement, or retention activities.

22 (D) A program to increase the supply of
23 donated foods to community-based nonprofit
24 feeding and anti-hunger groups, especially of

1 fresh fruits, vegetables, and other nutritious
2 foods.

3 (E) A program that increases the access of
4 such population to fresh fruits, vegetables, and
5 other nutritious foods.

6 (F) A program that promotes the use of
7 farmers' markets, urban farms, and food-pro-
8 ducing agriculture projects, especially a pro-
9 gram that promotes the use of such markets,
10 farms, and projects by nutrition assistance and
11 anti-poverty programs.

12 (G) A program to assess the flow of food,
13 from production through consumption, in a
14 community.

15 (H) A program that involves nutrition edu-
16 cation, obesity reduction, or financial manage-
17 ment activities, especially such activities that
18 have hands-on demonstrations or that promote
19 physical activity.

20 (I) A program that promotes microenter-
21 prise and small business development, especially
22 the development of such a business that is food-
23 related.

24 (J) A program that assists government
25 agencies and nonprofit groups to increase the

1 number of sites (and participation in existing
2 sites) for after-school snacks and meals pro-
3 grams under the summer food service program
4 for children authorized under section 13 of the
5 Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act
6 (42 U.S.C. 1766) and the child and adult care
7 food program authorized under section 17 of
8 such Act (42 U.S.C. 1761).

9 (K) A program that creates a customer ad-
10 visory council at a community-based nonprofit
11 feeding and anti-hunger group to enable an in-
12 dividual who obtains food from such group to
13 consult with the council on ways to improve the
14 operations of such group.

15 (L) A program to increase the assistance
16 of national and community service programs,
17 including AmeriCorps, Volunteers in Service to
18 America (AmeriCorps-VISTA), Learn and
19 Serve America, Senior Corps, Freedom Corps,
20 and any other volunteer program to aid commu-
21 nity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
22 groups.

23 (M) A program to increase the involvement
24 of volunteers who have professional skills with

1 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-
2 hunger groups and other nonprofit groups.

3 (N) A program that relates nutrition im-
4 provement and the problem of hunger within
5 such population to broader issues within the
6 pilot community, including community develop-
7 ment and economic improvement.

8 (O) A program that promotes the use of
9 individual development accounts, as defined in
10 section 404(5) of the Assets for Independence
11 Act (title IV of Public Law 105–285; 42 U.S.C.
12 604 note), or any other such asset-development
13 program.

14 (P) With respect to a community-based
15 nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group, a pro-
16 gram to—

17 (i) provide technical assistance to such
18 group to increase the technical capacities
19 of such group; or

20 (ii) enable the group to more effi-
21 ciently and effectively use computer tech-
22 nology, recruit volunteers, write grants, or
23 otherwise increase the fundraising and op-
24 eration of such group.

1 (Q) A program that provides for the provi-
2 sion of technical assistance and informational
3 materials on the Internet that relate to any pro-
4 gram described in subparagraphs (A) through
5 (P).

6 (R) A program to coordinate activities of
7 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-
8 hunger groups within the pilot community, in-
9 cluding activities that further any of the fol-
10 lowing goals:

11 (i) Creation of joint advertising, com-
12 munications, and referral systems.

13 (ii) Coordination of hours of oper-
14 ations and services provided.

15 (iii) Creation of joint client, funding,
16 and other databases, tracking systems, and
17 benefits referral systems.

18 (iv) Implementation of joint activities
19 to reduce hunger, strengthen local food
20 systems, reduce poverty, improve economic
21 self-sufficiency, and reduce obesity.

22 (2) ELIGIBLE FOOD-RELATED USES.—Subject
23 to the limitation in subsection (c)(1), any of the fol-
24 lowing food-related purposes:

25 (A) Gathering food.

1 (B) The collection of perishable, but safe,
2 food from entities such as restaurants, caterers,
3 and farms, for distribution to a target popu-
4 lation.

5 (C) Packing food.

6 (D) Sorting food.

7 (E) Processing food.

8 (F) Transportation of food.

9 (G) Heating, cooling, or freezing of food.

10 (H) Storage of food.

11 (I) Administrative expenses necessary to
12 increase the supply of nutritious food (especially
13 fresh fruit and vegetables) distributed by com-
14 munity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
15 groups.

16 (J) Administrative staff and volunteer
17 management for purposes of performing activi-
18 ties listed in subparagraphs (A) through (H).

19 (3) ELIGIBLE STIPENDS.—For the provision of
20 stipends to customers for expenses incurred by such
21 customers for participating in a customer advisory
22 council described in section 204(b)(1)(K).

23 (c) LIMITATIONS.—

24 (1) LIMITATION ON FOOD PURCHASES.—No
25 more than 20 percent of the total amount of grant

1 funds awarded to a primary community-based non-
2 profit feeding and anti-hunger group or allocated to
3 a subgrantee under the pilot program may be used
4 to directly purchase food.

5 (2) LIMITATION ON FUNDS EXPENDED TO NA-
6 TIONAL OR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM.—Grant
7 funds awarded to a primary community-based non-
8 profit feeding and anti-hunger group or allocated to
9 a subgrantee under the pilot program may not be
10 used to provide a volunteer in a national or commu-
11 nity service program listed in subsection (b)(1)(L)
12 with any educational funding, stipend, health care,
13 or child care.

14 **SEC. 205. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.**

15 (a) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.—Under the
16 pilot program and for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall
17 award grants to technical assistance community-based
18 nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger groups, in accordance
19 with this section.

20 (b) APPLICATION FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
21 GRANTS.—To be eligible for an award of a grant under
22 this section, a technical assistance community-based non-
23 profit feeding and anti-hunger group shall submit to the
24 Secretary an application containing a description of how
25 the applicant proposes to use the grant funds to provide

1 technical assistance to all pilot communities. The applica-
2 tion shall be submitted in such form, at such time, and
3 containing such other information as the Secretary may
4 require.

5 (c) CRITERIA TO RECEIVE GRANTS.—In evaluating
6 an application of a technical assistance community-based
7 nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group, the Secretary
8 shall consider, in addition to such other criteria as the
9 Secretary determines appropriate, the extent to which the
10 application of the technical assistance group demonstrates
11 the following:

12 (1) The ability to provide capacity-building
13 technical assistance to community-based nonprofit
14 feeding and anti-hunger groups.

15 (2) Organizational and staff experience in—

16 (A) national issues related to emergency
17 food programs, food banks, food rescue organi-
18 zations, the hunger problem, food insecurity,
19 anti-poverty programs, and nutrition education;

20 (B) providing technical assistance to com-
21 munity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
22 groups and conducting outreach programs on
23 nutrition assistance and anti-poverty programs;

1 (C) successfully working with national and
2 community service programs, including such
3 programs listed in section 204(b)(1)(L);

4 (D) working cooperatively or in a leader-
5 ship role with other national, regional, State,
6 and local eligible technical entities; and

7 (E) working with a wide variety of faith-
8 based and community organizations and with
9 community-wide religious and civic organiza-
10 tions.

11 (3) Proven financial control mechanisms and
12 staff expertise to work with large Federal and pri-
13 vate grants, or in the case of a technical assistance
14 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
15 group with a small operating budget, effectiveness in
16 program delivery and coordination.

17 (d) DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TECHNICAL AS-
18 SISTANCE AUTHORIZED.—

19 (1) ASSISTANCE FROM DEPARTMENT OF AGRI-
20 CULTURE.—The Secretary may provide technical
21 and evaluation assistance to—

22 (A) a technical assistance community-
23 based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group
24 awarded a grant under subsection (a);

1 (B) a primary community-based nonprofit
2 feeding and anti-hunger group awarded a grant
3 under section 203(a) or a subgrantee selected
4 under section 203(e); or

5 (C) any community-based nonprofit feed-
6 ing and anti-hunger group or technical assist-
7 ance community-based nonprofit feeding and
8 anti-hunger group that does not receive a grant
9 under this Act, but that carries out activities
10 similar to those of such a group or subgrantee.

11 (2) ASSISTANCE FROM FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS
12 AND AGENCIES.—The head of any Federal depart-
13 ment or agency may provide technical assistance to
14 a group or subgrantee referred to in subparagraph
15 (A), (B), or (C) of paragraph (1) to carry out activi-
16 ties described in subparagraph (C) of such para-
17 graph.

18 (3) ASSISTANCE FROM STATE AND LOCAL
19 AGENCIES AND LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND UNI-
20 VERSITIES.—The Secretary may encourage any ap-
21 propriate State or local agency or land-grant college
22 or university to provide technical assistance to such
23 groups or subgrantees to carry out such activities.

1 **SEC. 206. ALLOCATION OF GRANTS.**

2 (a) ALLOCATION BY TYPE OF GRANT.—Of the
3 amounts made available to carry out this title for a fiscal
4 year—

5 (1) \$190,000,000 is available for grants to pri-
6 mary community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-
7 hunger groups authorized under section 203(a); and

8 (2) \$8,000,000 is available for technical assist-
9 ance grants authorized under section 205(a).

10 (b) ALLOCATION TO PILOT COMMUNITIES.—Of the
11 amounts made available under subsection (a)(1) to pri-
12 mary community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
13 groups for a fiscal year, the Secretary shall allocate such
14 amounts to one primary community-based nonprofit feed-
15 ing and anti-hunger group in each of the pilot commu-
16 nities listed in subsection (c) and may allocate such
17 amounts to one such group in each pilot community des-
18 ignated by the Secretary under subsection (d)(2). The
19 amount allocated to a primary community-based nonprofit
20 feeding and anti-hunger group—

21 (1) shall not be less than \$500,000, nor more
22 than \$20,000,000; and

23 (2) shall be in proportion to the number of indi-
24 viduals and families within the target population of
25 the pilot community involved.

1 (c) PILOT COMMUNITIES LISTED.—For purposes of
2 subsection (b), a pilot community listed in this subsection
3 is each of the following areas:

- 4 (1) New York, New York.
- 5 (2) Chicago, Illinois.
- 6 (3) Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- 7 (4) Puerto Rico.
- 8 (5) Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 9 (6) Des Moines, Iowa.
- 10 (7) Toledo, Ohio.
- 11 (8) Savannah, Georgia.
- 12 (9) New Haven, Connecticut.
- 13 (10) Roanoke, Virginia.
- 14 (11) Santa Cruz county, Santa Clara county,
15 and Monterey county in California.
- 16 (12) Onondaga County in New York.
- 17 (13) The rural boroughs in Alaska.
- 18 (14) Washington metropolitan region.
- 19 (15) Pittsburgh and the suburban and rural
20 areas in southwestern Pennsylvania.
- 21 (16) Rural counties in eastern Kentucky.
- 22 (17) Counties in northern West Virginia.
- 23 (18) Rural counties in southern Texas.
- 24 (19) Rural counties in southern Missouri.

1 (20) Rural counties in north, west, and central
2 Wisconsin.

3 (d) SPECIFICATION OF AREAS; DESIGNATION OF AD-
4 DITIONAL PILOT COMMUNITIES.—

5 (1) SPECIFICATION OF AREAS.—The Secretary
6 shall specify the counties or other areas to be in-
7 cluded in each of the pilot communities described in
8 paragraphs (15) through (20) of subsection (c).

9 (2) DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL PILOT COM-
10 MUNITIES.—The Secretary may designate not more
11 than 10 pilot communities in addition to those listed
12 in subsection (c).

13 **SEC. 207. REPORTS AND EVALUATION.**

14 (a) SUBGRANTEE REPORT TO PRIMARY COMMUNITY-
15 BASED NONPROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER
16 GROUP.—Not later than 9 days after the end of the fiscal
17 year for which a subgrantee received a subgrant under sec-
18 tion 203(e), the subgrantee shall submit to the primary
19 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group
20 that selected the subgrantee under such section a report
21 that evaluates the results of the activities, including finan-
22 cial expenditures, during such fiscal year of the subgrantee
23 in carrying out the subgrant.

24 (b) PRIMARY COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT FEED-
25 ING AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUP REPORTS TO SEC-

1 RETARY.—Not later than 180 days after the end of the
 2 fiscal year for which a primary community-based nonprofit
 3 feeding and anti-hunger group received a grant under sec-
 4 tion 203(a), the group shall submit to the Secretary a re-
 5 port that evaluates the results of the activities, including
 6 financial expenditures, during the preceding fiscal year of
 7 the group in carrying out the grant. Such report shall in-
 8 clude each report submitted to the group by a subgrantee
 9 under subsection (a) for such fiscal year.

10 (c) ANNUAL REPORTS TO CONGRESS.—Not later
 11 than October 31 of each of calendar years 2007 through
 12 2011, the Secretary shall submit to Congress a report on
 13 the progress of the pilot program.

14 (d) FINAL REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than
 15 April 30, 2012, the Secretary shall submit to Congress
 16 a report that evaluates the successes and challenges of the
 17 pilot program and that makes such recommendations as
 18 the Secretary considers appropriate for similar future
 19 grants programs.

20 **SEC. 208. ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS.**

21 (a) ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF GRANTS.—

22 (1) BEYOND THE SOUP KITCHEN GRANTS.—

23 Upon the expiration of a grant awarded to a com-
 24 munity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
 25 group under section 203(a) and the request of such

1 group, the Secretary, in accordance with procedures
2 established by the Secretary, may extend the dura-
3 tion of the grant once, by one fiscal year, if the Sec-
4 retary determines that the programs established and
5 implemented by such group with the grant resulted
6 in (or are likely to result in) significant progress in
7 satisfying the purposes of the pilot program de-
8 scribed in section 203(c)(1).

9 (2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS.—Upon
10 the expiration of a grant awarded to a technical as-
11 sistance community-based nonprofit feeding and
12 anti-hunger group under section 205(a) and the re-
13 quest of such entity, the Secretary, in accordance
14 with procedures established by the Secretary, may
15 extend the duration of the grant once, by one fiscal
16 year, if the Secretary determines that such technical
17 assistance group has successfully provided all pilot
18 programs with technical assistance.

19 (b) FORM OF GRANTS.—The Secretary, if the Sec-
20 retary finds it appropriate, may use cooperative agree-
21 ments, as described in section 6305 of title 31, United
22 States Code, for purposes of awarding grants to primary
23 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
24 groups under section 203(a) and to technical assistance

1 community-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
2 groups under section 205(a).

3 **SEC. 209. DEFINITIONS.**

4 In this title:

5 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
6 the Secretary of Agriculture.

7 (2) PILOT PROGRAM.—The term “pilot pro-
8 gram” means the Beyond the Soup Kitchen Pilot
9 Program established under section 202(a).

10 (3) COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT FEEDING
11 AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUP.—The term “community-
12 based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group”
13 means an anti-hunger organization, food bank, food
14 pantry, soup kitchen, food rescue group, or commu-
15 nity food security organization that—

16 (A) is described in section 501(c)(3) of the
17 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt
18 from tax under section 501(a) of such Code;
19 and

20 (B) is located in (or regularly provides
21 service to) a pilot community.

22 (4) PRIMARY COMMUNITY-BASED NONPROFIT
23 FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUP.—The term
24 “primary community-based nonprofit feeding and
25 anti-hunger group” means a community-based non-

1 profit feeding and anti-hunger group awarded a
2 grant under section 203(a).

3 (5) SUBGRANTEE.—The term “subgrantee”
4 means a community-based nonprofit feeding and
5 anti-hunger group (other than a primary commu-
6 nity-based nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger
7 group)—

8 (A) that is selected under section 203(e)
9 by a primary community-based nonprofit feed-
10 ing and anti-hunger group; and

11 (B) that is located in (or regularly provides
12 service to) the pilot community in which the
13 primary nonprofit feeding group is located (or
14 to which the primary nonprofit feeding group
15 provides regular service).

16 (6) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMUNITY-BASED
17 NONPROFIT FEEDING AND ANTI-HUNGER GROUP.—
18 The term “technical assistance community-based
19 nonprofit feeding and anti-hunger group” means a
20 national, State, or local group that—

21 (A) is an anti-hunger group, food bank,
22 food pantry, soup kitchen, food rescue group, or
23 community food security organization;

24 (B) is described in section 501(c)(3) of the
25 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt

1 from tax under section 501(a) of such Code;
2 and

3 (C) has the capacity to provide technical
4 assistance to all pilot communities.

5 (7) PILOT COMMUNITY.—The term “pilot com-
6 munity” means a community specified in section
7 206(b).

8 (8) TARGET POPULATION.—The term “target
9 population” includes an individual who (or family
10 that)—

11 (A) earns an income below 200 percent of
12 the Federal poverty line;

13 (B) suffers from food insecurity;

14 (C) earns insufficient income to ensure
15 food security for such individual or family;

16 (D) lives in a community that suffers from
17 poverty, hunger, or food insecurity;

18 (E) is homeless;

19 (F) receives (or recently received) assist-
20 ance under a State program funded under part
21 A of title IV of the Social Security Act (42
22 U.S.C. et seq.), relating to temporary assistance
23 to needy families; or

24 (G) is eligible for benefits under any nutri-
25 tion assistance or anti-poverty program.

1 (9) NUTRITION ASSISTANCE AND ANTI-POVERTY
2 PROGRAM.—The term “nutrition assistance and
3 anti-poverty program” means any Federal, State, or
4 local government assistance program offered to low-
5 income individuals or families, including the fol-
6 lowing programs:

7 (A) The food stamp program established
8 under section 4 of the Food Stamp Act of 1964
9 (7 U.S.C. 2013).

10 (B) A program authorized under the Rich-
11 ard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42
12 U.S.C. 1751 et seq.) or Child Nutrition Act of
13 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1771 et seq.), including the
14 national school lunch program, the national
15 school breakfast program, the summer food
16 service program for children, the special supple-
17 mental nutrition program for women, infants,
18 and children, and the child and adult care food
19 program.

20 (C) The earned income tax credit allowed
21 under section 32 of the Internal Revenue Code
22 of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 32).

23 (10) FOOD INSECURITY.—The term “food inse-
24 curity” means a lack of consistent access to food.

1 (11) WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN REGION.—
2 The term “Washington metropolitan region” in-
3 cludes the District of Columbia, the counties of
4 Montgomery and Prince Georges in Maryland, and
5 the counties of Arlington and Fairfax and the cities
6 of Alexandria and Falls Church in Virginia.

7 **SEC. 210. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

8 There is authorized to be appropriated \$200,000,000
9 for each of fiscal years 2007 through 2012 to carry out
10 this title.

11 **TITLE III—EFFECTIVE DATE**

12 **SEC. 301. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

13 Except as otherwise provided in this Act, this Act and
14 the amendments made by this Act shall take effect on the
15 1st day of the 1st month that begins more than 180 days
16 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

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